2nd Cheadle
SCOUT GROUP

The Paddock, off Brookfield Road, Cheadle SK8 1EX

Registered charity no. 520173

Reports and Accounts

for the year ending 31st January 2026

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Registered Charity Number	520173
Group Lead Volunteers & Trustees	Stuart Cox Harry Cox
Group Chair & Trustee	Will Simpson
Group Administrator & Trustee	Kate Exley
Group Treasurer & Trustee	Tom Flanagan
Trustee	Colin Rankin
Trustee	David Critchlow
Trustee	Sarah Norbury

Section Treasurers:	Oak Squirrel Drey	Sarah Norbury
	Ash Squrrel Drey	Sarah Norbury
	Moseley Beaver Colony	Kate Cookson
	Abney Beaver Colony	Sarah Norbury
	Mercia Cub Pack	John Davidson
	Wessex Cub Pack	Louise Nickerson
	Scout Troop	Catherine Cox

TRUSTEES REPORT

for the year ending 31st January 2026

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the Trustees of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group, it is with great pride that I present the Group's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2026.

The year saw another action-packed programme for the Group and each of its sections, with camps, off-site events and many fun and challenging activities, which our young people enthusiastically embraced.

We've welcomed new members across all sections and have seen an increase in volunteer numbers. This growth is a testament to the enduring appeal of Scouting and the dedication of our leaders, parents, and supporters.

Following the launch of our first Squirrel Drey, Oak, during the year we started a second Drey, Ash, in March 2025. I am delighted to see how successful Squirrels has been over the past couple of years and I want to thank all the leaders who have played such an important role in the success of Squirrels at 2nd Cheadle during its first couple of years.

Each of our older sections have continued to deliver strong programmes of activities, through Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and our recently re-established Network section for 18-25 year olds.

All of the above has contributed to the Group's success in growing our membership numbers and, at the end of January 2026, we had 241 members, an increase of 19 over the year.

Financially, we remain in a stable position thanks to prudent management of our income and costs. Our fundraising efforts have enabled us to continue to invest in new equipment and undertake major repairs to our property. This year, we were required to undertake essential maintenance to our site's foul sewer, which had collapsed. This was a significant financial undertaking for the Group and, while we were able to raise some grant funding towards the overall cost, we needed to spend a significant sum from the Group's reserves to undertake the works. This unexpected expenditure demonstrates the importance of the group's close monitoring of spend in order to maintain a "rainy day" fund to enable us to continue operations.

Membership subscriptions make up the majority of our income; however, the Group's fundraising efforts make a significant and necessary contribution to our ability to remain in a healthy financial position. This year, we staged our 47th Ram Roast and Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale, both in May 2025.

The Group continues to be governed by its Board of Trustees and, during the year, we held four Group meetings as well as our Annual General Meeting for the year ended 31 January 2025. These meetings were attended by leaders of each Section, which provides a range of perspectives and experience that inform the direction of the Group and how we manage it. Each Section Lead has continued to be responsible for delivering their programmes and each report into our Group Lead Volunteer.

For me, the key to the success of the Group is our team of leaders who deliver varied and interesting programmes for their respective sections and the support of the Group's leadership team has continued to be vital for the Group to function effectively. Our leaders put in countless hours to both plan and deliver exciting activities for our young people, as well as helping to run the Group and supporting our fundraising events.

I'd therefore like to thank my fellow Trustees and the Leaders for their hard work and dedication to the young people and the Group throughout the year, and which, in my opinion, makes 2nd Cheadle "Second to None".

Will Simpson

Group Chairman

TRUSTEES REPORT

for the year ending 31st January 2026

GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEERS REPORT

MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR

Group Membership

Our annual membership count this year is 241 registered members across all sections - Squirrels (x2), Beavers (x2), Cubs (x2), Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Network Unit including 46 adult volunteer leaders/helpers that give their time freely, throughout the year. Young members wishing to join are added to waiting lists until a place becomes available or offered places in neighbouring Scout Groups within Three Brooks or Stockport Districts.

Group Achievements

In March we opened our second Squirrel drey - Ash Squirrels which has been a great success bringing together youth members aged 4 to 6 years of age along with a brand new leadership team. The drey started with 12 members and has since increased to 16.

Our major fundraising event the 'Ram Roast' held in May was very successful. The community of Cheadle supported the event which started with a parade through Cheadle High Street before arriving at the Abney Scout & Guide Centre within Abney Park, Cheadle.

The sale of Bedding Plants continues to flourish with excellent plants, baskets and tubs purchased from Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale.

In June, all four younger age sections - Oak & Ash Squirrels, Abney & Moseley Beavers attended the first Squirrels & Beavers fun day held at Linnet Clough Scout & Activity Centre.

In November all age sections of the Group attended our annual bonfire and firework display, held within our HQ grounds. Refreshments were cooked and served by members of Discovery Explorer Scout Unit with support from Endeavour Network Unit.

Ahead of Remembrance, all age sections took part and created a huge remembrance and poppy display outside our headquarters.

Our presence at Cheadle's Remembrance Sunday parade and service grows each year, which is jointly organised with other youth groups and Churches within Cheadle.

In January 2026, Cheadle & District merged with Ladybrook Valley District to form Three Brooks Scout District.

Throughout the year, all age members joined forces with Cheadle Civic Society to keep Cheadle tidy of litter visiting local parks, car parks and the High Street clean.

The Group has moved to a more team-based approach and got to grips with the new volunteer learning experience and membership system from The Scouts.

A number of new adult leaders have joined the Group throughout this year and have successfully completed their 'growing roots' learning. This along with existing leaders have completed on-going learning modules such as safeguarding, safety and first response courses.

Several leaders continued to complete their 'branching out' learning going on to the complete their Wood badge learning, and a number were also presented with Good Service and Length of Service Awards.

Three young leaders completed their missions and were presented with their Young Leader Awards.

New activity permits were gains in archery, kayaking and climbing providing additional permit holders across the Group.

My thanks go to all members of the Group Trustee's Board.

Sectional Scouting Activities

Another amazing year for members of 2nd Cheadle Scout Group with youth members continuing to enjoy an array of sectional programmes, activities, camps and away days.

Once again leaders produced a variety of innovative, constructive and exciting weekly programmes along with additional activities of camps, pack holidays, walks, badge days, water sports, educational trips, climbing, archery and craft activities.

All sections celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year, Halloween and Christmas with special themed nights.

Oak and Ash Squirrel dreys enjoyed lots of new activities including a scavenger hunt, learning about the solar system, model making, musical sessions, water, gardening and fire lighting sessions. Both dreys also visited the nearby allotments.

Moseley and Abney Beaver colonies both enjoyed various food themed nights, backwoods cooking, junk modelling games, science experiments, craft activities, walks and parties. Abney Beavers held a camp at Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

Wessex and Mercia Cub packs both enjoyed various food themed nights, games, craft activities, colditz, bowling, athletics, science experiments, Scalextric, pioneering team building challenges and backwoods cooking. Camps and pack holidays were held at Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire, Dunham Massey Scout Campsite, Altrincham, Cheshire and Queens Charlotte Wood, Frodsham, Cheshire.

The Scout troop enjoyed pioneering, foreign food cooking challenges, wide games, patrol challenges, taskmaster challenges, trading post, fire lighting, go-kart building, golden boot football tournament, archery, caving, air rifle shooting, canoeing and climbing. An indoor weekend camp was held at Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite, Chorley, traditional summer week-long camp under canvas at Selby Wood, Morpeth, Northumberland and an autumn weekend camp under canvas at Waddecar Scout Camp & Activity Centre, Garstang, Lancashire.

Discovery Explorers have again enjoyed another active year. Nights away included a summer camp at Kibblestone Scout Campsite, Oulton, Stone and a Christmas camp at Fylde Scout Activity Centre, Lytham St Annes. Explorers continue to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh and Chief Scout's Awards completing overnight self-sustained expeditions towards these. Several Explorers are now supporting younger age sections. Explorers continue to enjoy a variety of social nights activities, highlights include visiting Escape rooms Manchester, caving trips, short evening hikes, golf driving range, canoeing, zip line, abseiling, bike rides, morris dancing, archery and sessions on the local climbing wall.

Endeavour Network enjoyed a hike in the Peak District, supported the Ram Roast, bonfire night and held a Christmas camp at Cornel Scout Centre, Snowdonia National Park, Conwy, North Wales.

Across all sections, various activity and proficiency badges were achieved and awarded along with the Chief Scout's Acorn, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards across all age ranges.

My thanks go to all our volunteer adult leadership team and helpers for providing a safe, fun and exciting programme throughout the year.

This year was truly another remarkable year for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group creating memories, friendships and skills for life!

Stuart Cox

Group Lead Volunteer

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name: 2nd Cheadle Scout Group		
On accounts for the year ended	31st January 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	520173
Set out on pages	---------- (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/01/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]~~. ~~*Delete [ ] if not applicable*~~.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	JM Dodd	**Date:**	08/09/2026
Name:	James Michael Dodd		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	----------		
Address:	6 Crispin Road Manchester M22 0LU		

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose. ----------

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ending 31st January 2026

	2026 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Unrestricted Funds £
Incoming Resources:		
Membership Subscriptions	34,395	31,537
Capitation Paid by Group on behalf of Sections	(13,296)	(10,725)
Less Membership Subscriptions to Cheadle & District	(9,739)	(8,768)
Net Membership Subscriptions Retained	11,360	12,045
Gift Aid	5,774	6,878
Donations and Grants	4,228	16,596
Bank Interest	56	30
Other Income (Refunds, etc)	512	440
Fundraising (Gross):		
Ram Roast	16,701	13,298
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	2,393	2,355
Group Transfer	464	0
Other Income:		
Camps, Actvities and Trips	12,629	12,348
Neckers, Badges and Book Sales	584	653
Endeavour Network Unit	1,362	0
Total Incoming Resources:	**56,062**	**64,642**

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ending 31st January 2026

	2026 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Unrestricted Funds £
Resources Expended:		
Youth Programme and Activities	6,453	5,591
Camps, Actvities and Trips	12,979	11,974
Adult Support and Learning	141	973
Rent & Rates	831	905
Water	445	373
Electricity	2,400	2,551
HQ Insurance	1,958	2,056
HQ Maintenance	16,440	5,825
Equipment	2,931	1,447
Group Vehicles	3,399	4,417
Neckers, Badges and Books	3,983	2,456
Broadband, IT and website	510	599
Bank Charges	146	103
Donations / Grants	624	68
Endeavour Network Unit	1,452	0
Fundraising (Gross):		
Ram Roast	8,334	6,318
Sandra's Bedding Plant Sale	1,455	1,414
Total Resources Expended	**64,479**	**47,071**

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ending 31st January 2026

	2026 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Unrestricted Funds £
Total Incoming Resources:	56,062	64,642
Total Resources Expended:	(64,479)	(47,071)
Net Operating Income	(8,417)	17,571
Deferred income	3,453	3,453
Depreciation (Building)	(5,863)	(5,863)
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources for the Year:	(10,826)	15,161
Funds at 31st January 2025	80,782	65,621
Funds at 31st January 2026:	**69,956**	**80,782**

All activities are classed as continuing. Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ending 31st January 2026

	2026 Funds £	2025 Funds £
Non-Current Assets:		
Building	62,903	66,213
Propery Improvements	17,866	20,418
Current Assets:		
Bank Current Accounts - Restricted	0	0
Bank Current Accounts - Unrestricted	40,574	51,077
Bank Deposit Accounts	2,156	2,136
Expense Cards	66	0
Total Current Assets:	**42,796**	**53,213**
Total Assets:	**123,565**	**139,844**
Non-Current Liabilities:		
Deferred Income (Building)	46,609	49,062
Deffered Income (Property Improvements)	7,000	8,000
Cheadle & District Building Loan	0	2,000
Net Assets:	**69,956**	**80,782**
Analysis of Funds:		
Unrestricted Funds	69,956	80,792
Restricted Funds	0	0
Total Funds:	**69,956**	**80,782**

Approved by the Trustees on 8th September 2026.

Stuart Cox
Group Lead Volunteer

Thomas Flanagan
Group Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ending 31st January 2026

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Charities (SORP) and have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Except where stated, all funds held are unrestricted being donations or other income received or generated for the objects of the group for its general purpose and not restricted as to their use.

OTHER ASSETS

The land and buildings at The Paddock are leased to The Scout Association Trust Corporation by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council. The Association holds the premises in trust for 2nd Cheadle Scout Group who pay the ground rent and insure the buildings at a replacement cost of £868,130.
Scouting Equipment is valued at £100,435 and is insured for this sum. This sum also includes two storage containers sited within the grounds of the Abney Scout & Guide Centre, Cheadle, Cheshire.

The Group owns two vehicles - a van and a minibus. The value of both vehicles have been written off in previous year's accounts and its value is not reflected in the accounts.

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

None of the trustees were remunerated during this or the previous year.

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